



St. Joseph's Primary School
42 Castle Street
Lisburn
BT274XE

'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 12 January 2018

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Looking back...

A Happy and a Healthy New Year!

Welcome back and Happy new year to you all. We are all glad to be back into a routine especially mums and dads I'm sure!

The term has started off well and we don't seem to have been affected too much by the dreaded bugs and flu just at the minute. We have been reminding children of the need for keeping themselves warm at breaktime by wearing their coats, hats and scarves etc.

We have also been talking to them about keeping their hands clean especially after going to the toilet and eating break or lunch. A nice little thing for children to do while washing their hands is to sing 'Happy Birthday' 2 times while using soap and water! This ensures hands are cleaned properly.

We have also reminded children about the importance of sleep. The recommended amount of sleep for children between 6 and 13 is between 9 and 11 hours. Sleep is so important as the body mends itself physically and the mind and brain process the day's learning. It has been proved that healthy sleep habits as a child continue into adulthood. Please help your child develop healthy sleep habits now as it will stay with them in the future.

ETI District Inspector Visit

This week our District inspector Ms Jill Garland visited the school to carry out joint lesson observations in Literacy with Mrs Hanna our Literacy Coordinator. She carried out 4 joint lesson observations across the school and saw very effective teaching and learning in all. This is another step in our journey towards our follow up inspection.

Sporting Success

On Thursday Mrs Gartland and two Primary 7 boys Ray Brady and Jack McMahon went off to St Paul's to represent the school at the Antrim Boys' Schools 4 Wall Handball Competition. Neither of the boys had ever played in a 4 wall court but have been diligently practising every lunchtime since well before Christmas. Both boys played exceptionally well and well done to Jack McMahon in Primary 7 who is now the **Antrim Boys' School Champion in 4 Wall Handball!** This is an excellent achievement and another first for our school! We are so proud of you both. Check out our Twitter account 'stjosephlisburn' to see the boys in action! Well done to both boys!

Past Pupil Success!

We are so delighted to be able to tell you that three of our past pupils have been selected to represent Northern Ireland in the Commonwealth games in Australia later this year! Michelle Drayne will play on the Northern Ireland Netball team and Sinead and Ciaran Chambers will both be in the badminton squad! How proud we are of their sporting success! Well done and remember to watch out for them on TV coverage of the games in April!

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Hot Drinks/Food

I would like to remind parents that pupil cannot bring flasks of hot drinks into school as this poses serious health and safety concerns for all children. Hot food is available from the canteen if you would like your child to have a hot meal at lunchtime. I appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Playgrounds

We would like to remind parents that children must be dropped off at the top of the playground steps in the morning. As part of our safeguarding procedures parents should enter into either of the two playgrounds. Thank you.



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Staffing Update

We welcome Mrs Fiona Healy to our office staff this week. She joins Ms Gibson in the office and replaces Mrs Arnott who was with us in a temporary capacity. We would like to thank Mrs Arnott for all her hard work in supporting St. Joseph's and the busy office environment.

Looking ahead....

What's happening next week?

Monday 15 January 2018	Tuesday 16 January 2018	Wednesday 17 January 2018	Thursday 18 January 2018	Friday 19 January 2018
8 weekly assessment week in P3 – P7	8 weekly assessment week in P3 – P7	8 weekly assessment week in P3 – P7	8 weekly assessment week in P3 – P7	8 weekly assessment week in P3 – P7
Shared Education Day with Harmony Hill PS Mrs O'Hare SUB: Miss McKeown Mrs Hanna SUB: Mrs Twene	Shared Education Day with Harmony Hill PS Mrs O'Hare SUB: Miss McKeown Mrs Hanna SUB: Miss McNally	P3 at tennis Welcome past pupil Anna Whyte on work experience Shared Education Day with Harmony Hill PS Mrs O'Hare SUB: Miss McKeown Mrs Hanna SUB: Miss McNally	Anna Whyte on work experience Shared Education Day with Harmony Hill PS Mrs O'Hare SUB: Miss McKeown	Anna Whyte on work experience Shared Education Day with Harmony Hill PS Mrs O'Hare SUB: Miss McKeown
P4 Mrs Connolly: Flight Workshop at Linen Museum 9.30am – 12noon P4 Mrs Gould at Lisburn Library: Please bring along your library card	Pottery for P2 Miss McAnerney and P5 Mrs Gartland P4 Mrs Gould: Flight Workshop at Linen Museum 9.30am – 12noon	P2 Miss McAnerney Fairytale Workshop in Linen Centre 9.30 – 11.30am: pupils need to bring a shoebox	P2 Miss Beatty Fairytale Workshop in Linen Centre 9.30 – 11.30am: pupils need to bring a shoebox	Hive Hackers in P6 Mr Gallagher and P7 Mrs McCambridge
Fundamentals for P2: Pupils should wear PE gear to school	2.15pm – 4pm Healthy Planning Session for P4 – P7	2.15pm – 4pm Healthy Planning Session for P1 – P3	Mrs Gartland at handball in St Paul's with 2 P7 from 2.45pm	P7 swimming
CEFR Assessment Day: Miss Beatty SUB: Miss McHenry		Miss Clarke at CCEA Maths Ideas Group Meeting from 12.45pm		P6 badminton P5 visit from Fire and rescue Service at 10.45am

Have a lovely weekend!
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